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PUBLIC NOTICE 09-N-02

The Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District, has received a request from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for approval of the location and plans of a bridge to cross a navigable waterway of the United States. The point of contact for the project is Mr. Jugesh Kapur, P.E., S.E., State Bridge and Structures Engineer, WSDOT, 310 Maple Park Avenue SE, PO Box 47300, Olympia, WA 98504-7300, telephone (360) 705-7000.

WATERWAY LOCATION

Port Washington Narrows, mile 0.3, Bremerton, Washington

CHARACTER OF WORK

WSDOT proposes to replace the deteriorating bridge on State Route 303 with a new bridge on the same approximate location and alignment. During construction of the new bridge the horizontal clearance would be temporarily reduced to 65 feet. The proposed bridge would be built south of the existing Manette Bridge, which would be removed entirely after completion of the replacement bridge. At that point the navigational dimensions would approximate those that currently exist.

NAVIGATION CLEARANCES

Vertical:

Existing: 83.6 feet at mean high water elevation 7.9 feet (NAVD1988)

Proposed: 83 feet above mean high water elevation 7.9 feet (NAVD1988)

(75 feet at pier face at base of span arch)

Horizontal:

Existing: 231 feet

Proposed: 230 feet

ENVIRONMENT

The Federal Highway Administration as lead agency expects to classify the project as a Categorical Exclusion for purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Water Quality Certification must be obtained from the Washington Department of Ecology to Coast Guard action on this application. The project is located within the coastal zone of Washington and appears consistent with the state coastal zone management program. A Biological Assessment is being reviewed for the current bridge design to address the effect of the proposed project on fish species listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act. A Biological Opinion from the resource agencies will be completed and reviewed prior to any final action by the Coast Guard. The project would not take property from known cultural or archaeological sites, wildlife or waterfowl refuges, public parks, recreation areas or wetland vegetation. The project is not expected to significantly diminish air quality.

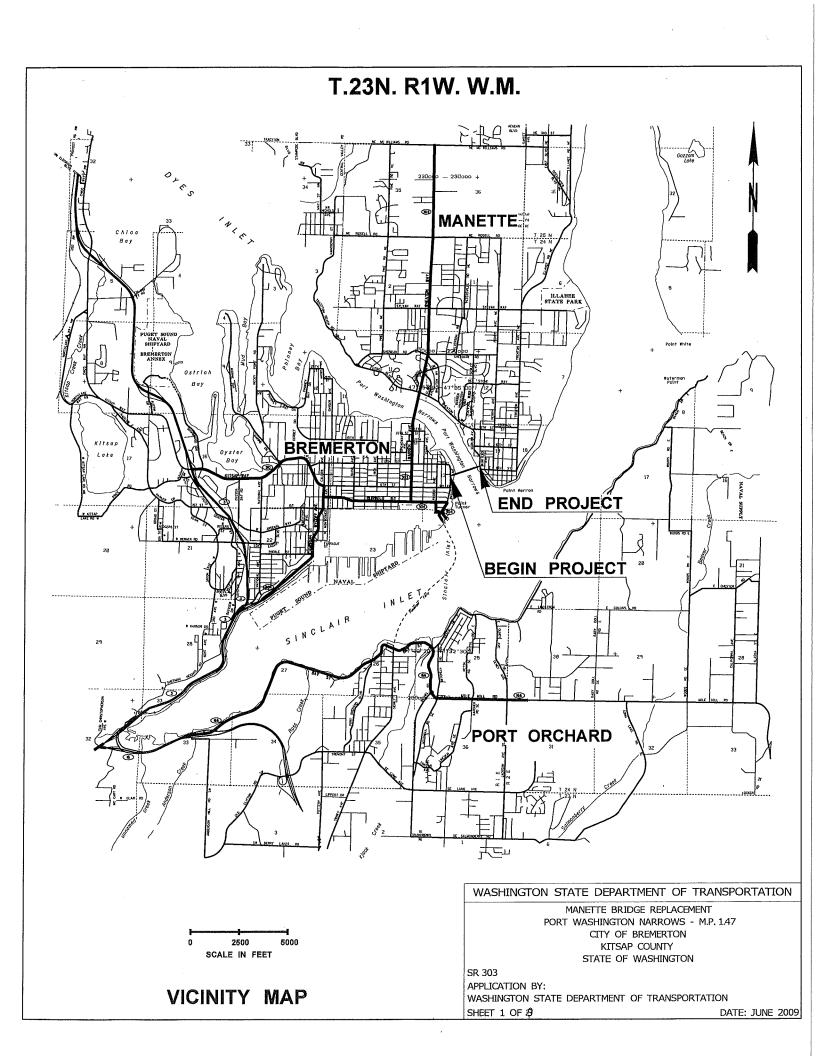
COMMENTS

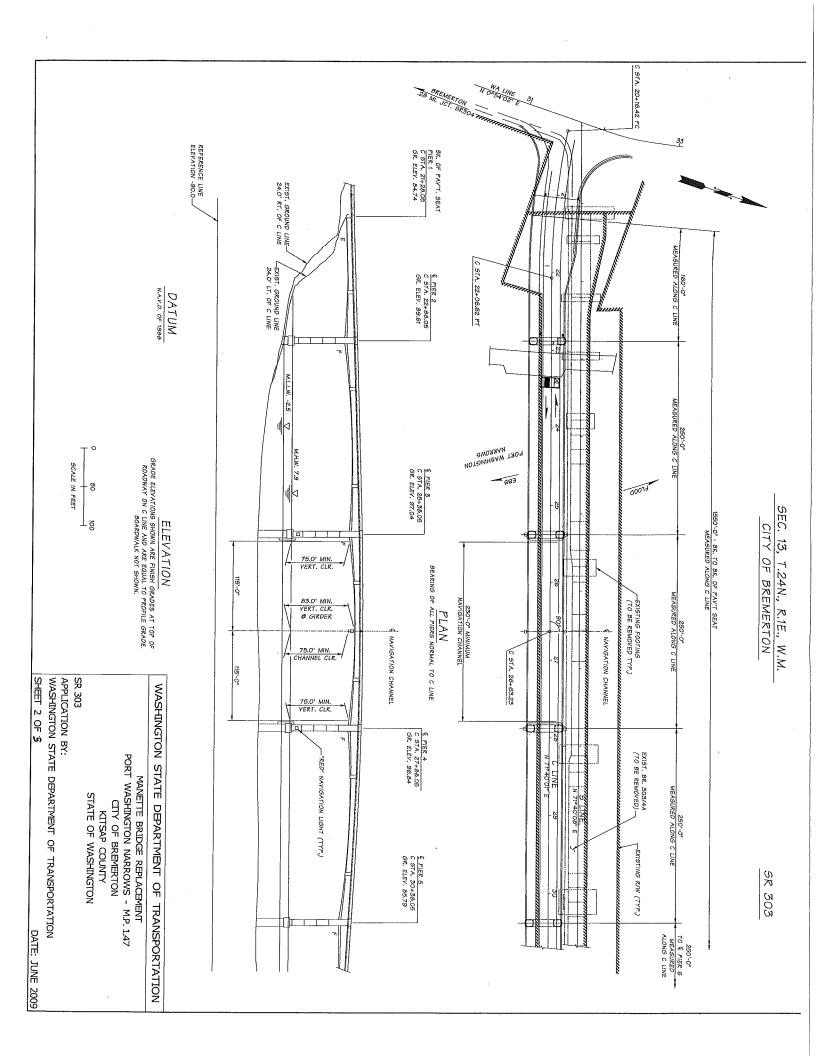
Comments on the proposed project should be made in writing and should include the reasons for support of, or opposition to, the proposed project. Comments may be made on, but are not limited to navigational clearances, alignment, location, fendering needs, clearance gauges, possible impacts on minority and/or low income populations, etc. The comment period will extend through **August 16, 2009**. Mail your comments to Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District, Waterways Management Branch, 915 Second Avenue, Seattle, WA 98174-1067. If you need more information, please call Austin Pratt at (206) 220-7282.

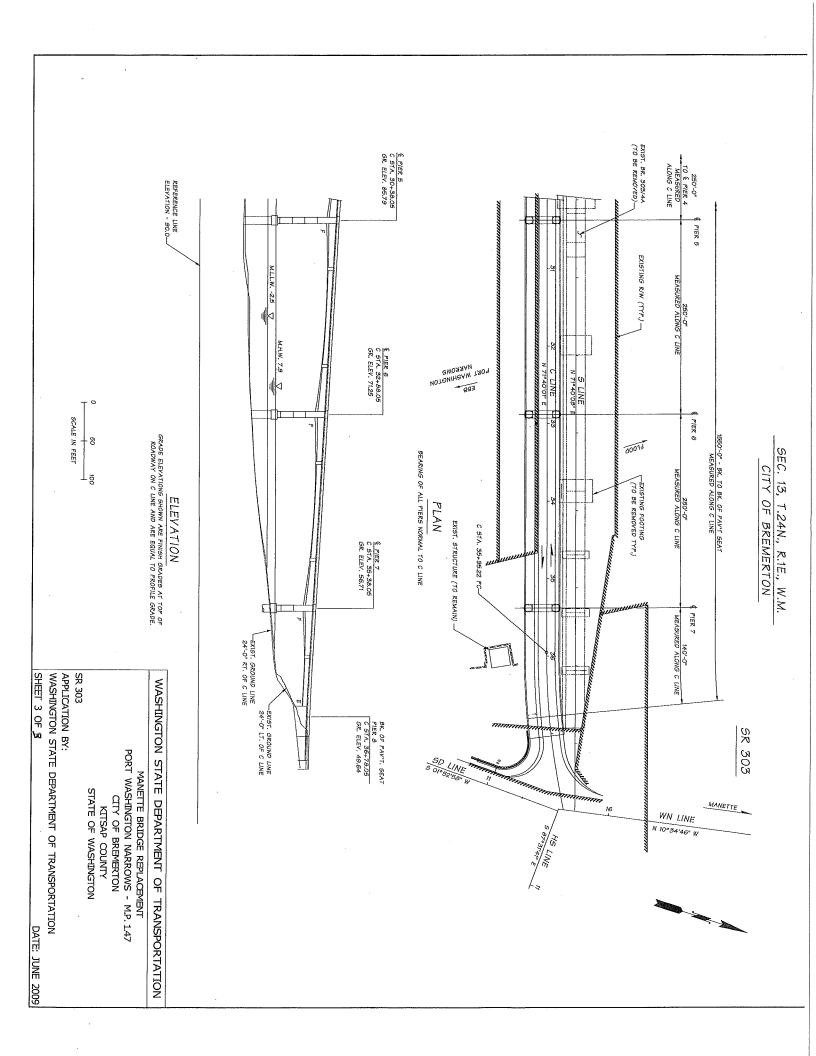
Sincerely,

J.F. Moriarty
Chief, Waterways Management Branch
By direction of the District Commander

Enclosures: Location and plan sheets 1-3







Public Notice



Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program

July 2009

Application for State of Washington Water Quality Certification and Coastal Zone Management Act Consistency

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received an application to perform work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed drawings.

Ecology will review the work pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, with applicable provisions of State water pollution control laws and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

This public notice is consistent with the requirements of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act and Chapter 173-225 of Washington Administrative Code. This notice is only intended to inform all interested parties of the proposed projects and to seek comments from the public, local, state, federal, and tribal agencies. It does not indicate approval of the proposed projects by any state agency.

Applicant

Washington Department of Transportation Olympic Region P.O. Box 47417

ATTN: Jeff Sawyer, Environmental & Hydraulics Manager

Telephone: 360-570-6700

Location

SR 303, Bridge # 303/4, Port of Washington Narrows on Puget Sound in the City of Bremerton, Kitsap County. WRIA 15 (Kitsap)
Section 2, Township 24N, Range 1E

Work

The Department of Transportation will construct a new concrete bridge and remove the existing bridge. Temporary work platforms will be built over the water for construction of the new structure and demolition of the existing structure. Barges will be used to access the project site, construct the temporary work platforms and remove the existing bridge.

Project Name: SR 303 Manette Bridge Replacement

Public Notice Date: July 16, 2009

Comment Period Ends:August 5, 2009

Comments should be sent to:

Department of Ecology SEA Program Federal Project Coordinator Post Office Box 47600 Olympia, Washington 98504

ecyrefedpermits@ecy.wa.gov

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